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Sir:

Subsequent to issuance of the Notice of Allowance mailed February 8, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of transferring a substrate, using apparatus comprising:

a cassette table for mounting a cassette at a position of which an upper region of the position is open to a cassette transferring path, the cassette receiving plural substrates to be subjected to processing or plural substrates which have been subjected to processing;

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